

I-405 and Eastside Projects Update

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More Eastside highway projects now covered in this e-mail update

We're expanding our I-405 e-mail updates to include WSDOT projects all over the Eastside – on SR 202, I-90, and other Eastside highways. If you like the information you receive in this e-mail, don't miss our other [e-mail project update lists](#), including the SR 520 Bridge Project and; if you travel to Whidbey Island, Anacortes, or Winthrop; our new Highway 20 e-mail updates.

Northbound I-405 reduced to two lanes in Kirkland one weekend next month

Next month we plan to lower a section of northbound I-405 near NE 124th Street. This work requires us to reduce northbound I-405 to two lanes for an entire weekend. We've currently scheduled this work for June 2-5 but we need dry weather, so the dates could change. We'll remove the pavement on all four northbound lanes on a 1000-foot-long section under NE 124th bridge. Then we'll lower the freeway about three feet and install new pavement.

We'll keep you informed through these e-mail updates, our [construction update report](#), and our highway advisory radio station (AM 530 and 1520) in Kirkland. See the Totem Lake Freeway Station [project timeline](#) on our Web page for more work this summer that will require major traffic closures.

HOV lane temporarily removed from I-405 on-ramp in Kirkland

We've temporarily narrowed the southbound I-405 on-ramp from NE 116th Street in Kirkland and removed the HOV bypass lane. This traffic revision will be in place for several months as crews working on the [Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project](#) widen the freeway at this location. Carpools, vanpools and buses may use the recently reopened HOV bypass lane on the NE 124th Street southbound on-ramp.

Newly widened section of SR 202 opens this spring in Redmond/Sammamish area

Spring is paving season and we're almost finished with the first stage of [widening work on SR 202](#) (Redmond Fall City Road). In late May, crews will apply the final layer of asphalt on SR 202 between the SR 520 interchange and E. Lake Sammamish Parkway. We're using a durable, longer-lasting striping material through this area, so we'll need to give the asphalt time to harden and cure before we apply the pavement markings. If the weather cooperates, we expect to open the newly widened section of SR 202 by late June.

Crews install new signal on SR 202 at 292nd Street near Fall City

Work is currently under way to install a [new traffic signal](#) at the intersection of SR 202 and 292nd Ave. SE near Fall City. There were ten collisions at this intersection in the last two years, which is a notably high number for this type of intersection. Eight of those were collisions involving drivers turning into or across traffic. The signal will enhance safety and improve access for drivers. Most of the work will be off-road but check back on our [construction update report](#) periodically for upcoming daytime lane closures. Work should be complete by mid-summer.

We want your input on I-405 improvements from Tukwila to Renton

We're planning improvements to I-405 from Tukwila to Renton. In this project we plan to

- add lanes in each direction of I-405 between SR 181 and SR 169
- add one northbound lane on SR 167 from S. 180th to I-405
- reconfigure the SR 181 and SR 167 interchanges
- improve HOV connections between SR 167 and I-405

As we study how this project may affect social, economic and natural resources in the area, we'd like to receive your input on these issues for formal consideration. If you'd like to provide comments in person or talk with project staff face to face, join us at the public scoping meeting:

- Date: Tuesday, May 23
- Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Place: Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA, 98055)

You can also submit project comments to I-405 Project Environmental Manager Allison Ray at Allison.ray@i405.wsdot.wa.gov or

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Attn: Allison Ray

We'll formally consider comments received or postmarked by June 6, 2006, in our project planning process.

Public comment period extended on I-405 Renton to Bellevue Project environmental study

There's still time to submit comments on our Renton to Bellevue Project [Environmental Assessment](#) (EA). We'll include all written comments received or postmarked by May 22, 2006, in the formal project record considered by the Federal Highway Administration and WSDOT. Please submit your comments in writing to I-405 Project Environmental Manager Allison Ray (see addresses in section above).

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